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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** HIRANO, et al.  
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**For:** DECODING APPARATUS AND DECODING METHOD  
**Group:** 2651  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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November 1, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims**

Remarks are included following the amendments